

ONE NATION BLOCKS VATICAN'S PLAN FOR ARMISTICE DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Rome., Dec. 12. — Failure of the efforts of Pope Benedict to bring about a truce between the warring nations during the Christmas holidays was formally announced from the vatican today.

It is stated that one of the powers opposed the plan.

Berlin, via Wireless to London.—An attack on the Dardanettes by the British and French fleet is reported here today. The bombardment of the allied warships was without success, it is stated.

Buenos Ayres. — Three hundred beds for the wounded in the Falkland naval engagement have been requested by wireless messages received today at Montevideo from the British fleet.

According to the wireless, the wounded will reach Montevideo Monday. It is supposed that practically all of them are Germans, rescued by the British warships from the Gneisenau and the Leipzig.

London.—England will leave entirely to the French government decision upon the proposal of Pope Benedict that the warring powers declare a Christmas truce.

London.—In addition to the claim that the movement to relieve Cracow has failed, Petrograd official reports declare the German advance has been checked at all points from the north, along the line of the Mlawa drive, and on the western and southwestern fronts.

Paris.—Following reports that the French have gained Armentieres, there were rumors today that the allies have also obtained control of La Basse canal, but confirmation of the gaining of the town of that name is lacking.

Berlin, vit The Hague.—Kaiser Wilhelm is convalescing. His Majesty's personal physician says the

royal patient is greatly improved and will be able to return to the front within a week or ten days.

Paris.—The evacuation of the west bank of the Yser canal by the Germans, north of the Ferryman's house about which there has been so much desperate fighting, and different points in the battle line is reported today in the official communique.

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, L. I. —Pope's proposal for a Christmas truce of the warring armies of Europe has been declined by Russia, a statement issued here today asserts.

Petrograd.—The attempt of the Austro-German forces south of Cracow to break the Russian line has resulted in their complete rout. Thousands of dead were left on the field and the Russians remain complete masters of the situation.

The Army Messenger, official organ of the war office, today makes this claim concerning the operations on the southern front.

London.—The great Gottorp barracks at Kiel, the powerful German naval base have been destroyed by fire, according to a dispatch reaching London today from Copenhagen. The cause of the fire has been kept secret, it is declared.

London.—In the absence of further information as to the condition of the Kaiser early today, the belief was expressed here that the silence might indicate improvement statements were overly optimistic. The latest unofficial report reaching London was that his majesty had been permitted to sit up for a few hours.

London.—The British admiralty today refused to confirm or deny the German reports from Buenos Aires concerning the battle fought off the Falkland Islands.

Reports were circulated today that the British fleet numbered as many as twenty vessels, but it is expected that the admiralty will observe strict sil-